

STILL AFTER BOERS

General Kelly-Kenny Contrived to... the Transvaal Forces.

CAPTURES OVER ONE HUNDRED WAGONS

General French Leaves Kimberley to Join in Pursuit of the Enemy.

GENERAL CRONJE IS REPORTED CAPTURED

Rumor Reaches London from the Continent, but is Not Substantiated.

BOERS ARE ACTIVE NEAR LADYSMITH

Butler Renews Bombardment of the Enemy's Position—General Cronje is Advancing with Loss.

JACOBSDAL, Feb. 18.—General Kelly-Kenny is still pursuing the Boers. He has now captured more than 100 wagons. The Highland brigade reinforced him after a forced march.

General French has left Kimberley to join in the pursuit of the Boer army.

The Guards have occupied the Boer position at Magersfontein.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Rumors have been in circulation that the Boers and Kaffirs in London this evening that General Cronje, with an army of 7,000, has been captured. Apparently they emanated from the continent. No confirmation of them can be obtained here.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—The correspondent of the Times at Modder river, writing yesterday, says:

"General Cronje's army of 10,000 men, with 1,000 wagons, is in full retreat toward Bloemfontein, hotly pursued by General Kelly-Kenny. It will probably be a rear guard fight all the way to Bloemfontein. Our cavalry has already returned from Kimberley to join in the pursuit."

The Daily News publishes the following dispatch, dated Sunday the 18th, from Modder river:

"Our sudden appearance seems to have astounded the enemy and thrown them into a panic. All their positions were hurriedly evacuated and the big guns at Magersfontein and Kimberley were left behind."

Running Fight the Whole Day.

"General Cronje moved his transport, consisting of many hundred wagons, along a bank of kopjes north of the Modder river. The Boers followed him closely, and he was obliged to stop. Thereupon our artillery opened upon it. The main body of the Boer force kept up a running fight the whole day."

"Each time their advance guard sought to move on our mounted infantry calloped round and checked them. We never attempted to stop their main movement, contenting ourselves with trying to check them. Their position at Koffyfontein is said to be very strong. They entertain a wholesome dread of our cavalry moving more quickly than they do themselves. We hope to be in Bloemfontein shortly."

It is now amply confirmed that General Cronje escaped. Every detail received, however, proves how admirably Lord Roberts' plans were conceived and were successful. But for the unexpected delay at Dikledi-drift, which was almost impassable for wagons, the whole Boer force would have been surrounded. The delay of one day there gave them their chance for a hasty retreat.

All the other movements of Lord Roberts were executed exactly to time. Apparently General Cronje is retreating with the main army, and if he escapes altogether he will probably lose his baggage.

The Standard's correspondent at Jacobsdorp, telegraphing Feb. 18, says:

"An attack was made yesterday on the rear guard of our main body by a force of 1,400 Boers who were hurried up from Colenso. They succeeded in capturing some of our wagons, but Lord Roberts did not delay his march to retake these. There were few casualties on either side. The last of our supply columns arrived from Haunest kloof today, having met with no opposition on the way."

FRERE CAMP, Feb. 18.—The Boers have abandoned several laagers. General Buller renewed bombardment of the Boer position without effecting a result. Another forward move is regarded as imminent.

LADYSMITH, Saturday, Feb. 17.—(By Heliograph, via Weenan.)—The Boers have been very active here during the last few days and are evidently making a move somewhere. The garrison is greatly delighted to learn of the relief of Kimberley, it is in excellent spirits and fit for anything.

Rebreat Advancing with Loss.

BIRDS RIVER, Saturday, Feb. 17.—General Buller's horse, 2,000 strong, commenced the march from Venook Thursday morning over a trackless and through a mountainous and difficult country. Early on Friday they were fired upon, and the firing continued all day and well into the night. The British clearing the Boers out of successive positions under a terrific fire.

FRONTIER, Friday, Feb. 17.—The British cleared the Boers at the point of the bayonet out of their last position, an important one overlooking Dordrecht. The artillery duel continued today.

The British casualties were eight killed, including Captain Kraland, an Lieutenant Chandler, and eight wounded. The British captured some prisoners and a quantity of forage and provisions.

ROBERTS TO FREE STATERS

Warns Them to Desist from Further Acts of Hostility Toward Her Majesty's Government.

CAPTOWN, Feb. 18.—Lord Roberts has issued a proclamation to the burghers of the Orange Free State, saying he feels it his duty to make known to all the burghers the cause of the coming of the British, as well as to do all in his power to terminate the devastation caused by the war, and that he issues the proclamation so that, if the burghers should continue fighting they may not do so ignorantly, but with a full knowledge of the responsibility before God for the lives lost in the campaign.

The proclamation goes on to say: "The British government believes that the wanton and unjustifiable invasion of British territory was not committed with the general approval of the people of the Free State, with whom the British government has lived in complete amity for so many years. It believes the responsibility rests wholly with the government of the Free State, acting not in the interests of the country, but under mischievous influence from without."

"Great Britain, therefore, wishes the people of the Free State to understand that it

RIGHTS OF NEW COLONIES

Momentous Debate is to Be Opened in Congress This Week.

FUTURE STATUS MAY BE DETERMINED

Porto Rico in the House and Hawaii in the Senate—Late Senator Hayward to Be Ennobled Thursday.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Debate upon the Porto Rican tariff bill, consideration of which the house will enter upon tomorrow, promises to be memorable in the history of this congress.

The vital question at issue in the bill is whether that clause of the constitution providing for equality of import and excise taxes throughout United States territory extends over the island of Porto Rico and in this is involved, perhaps, the determination of the future status and government of our new possessions.

The attention in framing the bill has proceeded upon the theory that the constitution and its immunities do not extend over Porto Rico. The democrats are solidly arrayed on the other side and in committee they were joined by one republican, McCall of Massachusetts.

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SENSATION SPRUNG IN PARIS

Marine Officer Accused of Offering England Information Regarding Vessels for Transvaal.

BITES OF CHEESE HIS UNDOING

Episcurean Taster of Burglar Charles Mack Cause His Downfall.

GROCER'S CHEESE JUST BAD ENOUGH

Had It Been Better Mack and the Cheese Would Not Be in Jail— Sleuths Trace Teeth.

Locked up in the safe at police headquarters is a piece of cheese. In a cell at the jail is Charles Mack.

The connection between these two facts lies in the connection which Charles Mack's teeth had with the cheese a few hours before Mack and the cheese were placed under lock and key.

Mack, in his burglary operations, had not stopped to test the goods he was purloining but the cheese might now be in an atmosphere of freedom. But as it is the owner of the cheese, Grocer V. B. Bennett, is revented.

The store of Bennett, at 2120 North Twenty-fourth street, was robbed between 7:30 and 8 o'clock Sunday night. Howard Kimball, a former employee, saw a man in the place and notified the proprietor.

The police were informed, but when four detectives with the storekeeper arrived there was no sign of the burglar.

For half an hour the detectives remained at the store. While they were still investigating, Mack came upon the scene and took an active interest in the proceedings.

He wondered how it happened and was free in giving the officers advice and suggestions.

His zeal, coupled with the fact that he was the same kind of a hat as the man Kimball had seen in the store, attracted attention. Next it was noticed that the bit of Mack's coat was covered with cobwebs.

But the crowning discovery was a partly eaten cheese, lying on the floor. Teeth marks of peculiar shape were noticed on it.

The sleuths, who had previously noticed the unusual formation of Mack's front teeth, asked him to take a bite, which he did, though unwillingly.

The bites corresponded exactly and the piece of cheese was locked up in the safe to serve as evidence.

Mack was arrested and taken to his home at 3119 Burdette street, where the stolen goods were recovered.

They consisted of canned tomatoes, packages of coffee, leaves of tea, a roasted ham and baking powder. Part of the stuff was found under the porch and the remainder in the house.

Detectives Heelan, Johnson, Dempsey and Drummy made the arrest.

Mack has served time for the robbery of a place as an evidence.

Mack is a former member of the Brunton gang, which several years ago committed many depredations. Robbery of street car conductors was one of the gang's specialties.

OUTLINES BUSINESS POLICY

President of Mexico Issues Decree for a System of Bonded Warehouses.

FRENCH FISHERMEN FAVORED

Modus Vivendi Will Probably Be Resumed on Treaty Coast by New-Foundland Legislature.

Tariff or Free Trade for Hawaii.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Feb. 18.—The speech of the governor, Sir Hugh McCallum, at the opening of the Newfoundland legislature tomorrow will indicate that the session has been called at the request of the imperial government to renew the modus vivendi on the treaty coast, so that French fishermen may be enabled to prepare for the summer's operations without delay.

The treaty of the legislature will declare the colony's loyalty and its readiness to assist the mother country in the present crisis, by enacting the desired measure. At the same time it will express a hope that the near future will see a final settlement of the long-standing controversy.

MAKES SENSATIONAL ARRESTS.

Paris Police Force Takes Into Custody Two Frenchmen.

PARIS, Feb. 18.—The chief of the Paris police, chief of the detective department, has made two arrests calculated to create a considerable sensation in Parisian society.

The arrested persons are M. and Mme. Muller, who reside on the Avenue des Champs Elysees.

Mme. Muller was formerly the wife of Baron Hertel, a rich Berlin banker who died in 1875, leaving his fortune to his son, then 4 years of age. The baroness in 1875 was married to Muller, who is a magistrate at Paris.

The son, upon attaining his majority in 1892, demanded an accounting from his mother, which was rendered him, but he has since discovered that he was entitled to receive much more. Yesterday a detective was sent to the residence of M. and Mme. Muller at the Gare du Nord from Lille, followed them and made the arrest at their Paris residence.

Elephants Cause a Panic.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—An exciting scene took place at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, this afternoon. Two large elephants belonging to the circus ran amuck, killed their keeper and injured another man. There was a terrible panic in the audience attending the concert in the palace. One animal was captured after great damage to property. The other escaped through the grounds, but was captured late this evening in the suburb of Beckenham.

News from Skagway.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 18.—The steamer Tees arrived this morning from Skagway. The Tees brings news that most of those who started from Dawson representing the Yukon water to the recently discovered diggings on the Koyukuk.

ENGINEERS MAKE COMPLAINT

Men Who Drive the Locomotives on the Pennsylvania System Are Dissatisfied.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 18.—A special to the North American from Altoona, Pa., says:

Two hundred delegates from all parts of the Pennsylvania railroad system between Harrisburg and New York representing the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, met in secret conference here today to formulate a demand for an increase in wages.

Chief Arthur of the Brotherhood presided over the session. Reports of conditions from each division of the system were made. The session was held in the big locomotive building at Altoona, Pa., and was attended by delegates from all parts of the system.

The delegates will work to secure the general situation, though there is no trouble now, nor do we see any disturbance. The engineers merely think they deserve an increase in wages with the other divisions of labor. Today a convention was merely advisory. The minor lodge will act on its recommendations.

Milwaukee Boomers Depart.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 18.—A delegation of about 100 boomers, including prominent politicians from Racine, Waukesha, Fond du Lac and other Wisconsin cities, left Milwaukee for Washington on a special train this morning.

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CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair and Warm; Variable Winds.

LEGISLATORS IN FRANKFORT

Serious Differences Exist as to Whether Democrat or Republican Will Preside in the Senate.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 18.—A good part of the democratic legislators returned here tonight, and numerous conferences were in progress during the evening relating to the political program tomorrow when the democratic and republican branches of the legislature will meet together for the first time since the assassination of the late Governor Goebel.

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RAZORS IN THE AIR

Outlook Excellent for a Hot Fight Among Populist Statesmen Today.

MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Supreme Effort Will Be Made to Unseat the Middle-of-the-Road Crowd.

LATTER CLAIM TO CONTROL A MAJORITY

Do Not Propose to Be Ousted from the Councils of the Party.

EDMISTEN IS AFTER THE CHAIRMANSHIP

He is Also Engineering the Opposition to the Omaha Agreement—Middle-Roaders Are Opposed to Kansas City.

LINCOLN, Feb. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—The meeting of the populist national committee here tomorrow promises to be one of the stormiest political meetings ever held in the city.

An effort will be made to unseat the middle-of-the-road members on the grounds that they violated the terms of the Omaha agreement by nominating Barker and Donnelly in Cincinnati in 1898. It is claimed that these two men were regularly elected by the anti-fusion wing of the party and for that reason they are not entitled to voice or vote in the meeting tomorrow. On the other hand, it is claimed that the meeting in Cincinnati was not a convention, but that it was simply a conference and that no one is bound to support the men named there in the presidential campaign.

The leaders of the middle-of-the-road faction tonight claimed that they had been assured of enough votes to practically insure a majority vote in the committee.

Of the 150 members of the committee not more than 75 or 100 will attend the meeting, but all absent members will be represented by proxy. One of the anti-fusion crowd tonight claimed to have fifty proxies in his possession, with probably twenty-five committed men yet to be heard from.

Both sides are confident of enough votes to constitute a majority